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1. Czech designation of the plant: "Chemicke zavody Dynamit-Nobel -
na p." ("Dynamit-Nobel Nationalized Chemical Plant).
2. Location: At the northern outskirts of BRATISLAVA (PRESSBURG)
(P 49/X 99), at the BRATISLAVA-ZILINA (J 50/O 92) RR line and
at the BRATISLAVA-TRAVA (P 49/T 22) highway (25 miles north-
west of BRATISLAVA). Plant area: Approximately 2,300 x 4,000 feet.
3. Plant installations:
 - a. Management building
 - b. Administration building
 - c. Laboratories
 - d. Distillation department
 - e. Pressing and crushing department
 - f. Packing department
 - g. Boiler house
 - h. Power station
 - i. Weighing machine
 - j. Sorting department
 - k. Barracks of the military guard
 - l. Storage depot
 - m. Lodge of gate No. 1 with military guard

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n. Lodge of gate No. 11 with SNB guard

4. Security:

The plant is surrounded by an 8-foot concrete wall.

5. Traffic facilities:

The plant has spur tracks to the BRATISLAVA VILKA main RR line.

6. Vulnerable installations:

The power station and the storage depot where 3,600 to 4,200 boxes of dynamite, ecrasite, and "panomit" are usually stored.

7. Production:

a. Production figures were kept top secret and could not be accurately learned. Only the managing engineers know the accurate daily production amounts in the different departments.

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b. [redacted] the total dynamite, ecrasite, and panomite production amount may approximate 4,500 kg in 8 hours (one shift). Forty-five trolleys of 100 kg each were conveyed to the sorting department per shift.

8. Raw materials:

Shipments of raw materials such as manganese dioxide, magnesium, nitro glycerine, sulphur, and phosphor arrived in boxes, each holding 75 kg. The shipments were under military guard.

9. Dispatch:

The explosives were usually delivered to coal mines and quarries. Since about October 1948 small shipments also leave for Hungary and Poland. Such products are shipped in Hungarian and Polish trucks.

10. Management:

The manager is engineer PRONAY (Slovak)

11. Work force:

On 23 February 1949: 740 workmen, 29 civil servants, 6 engineers, 23 chemists and 7 foremen. All of them are Slovaks except 90 Germans and 15 Czechs.

12. Plant guard: 25 men of the SNB.

13. Comment:

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a. [redacted] sketch [redacted] is forwarded showing the plant layout in 1946. The plant installations have not much changed since that time. Most of the buildings are solid structures, only the fuze department is housed in wooden cantonment buildings. The department for manufacturing explosives is in underground concrete constructions.

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b. The plant has the following production program:

- (1) Carbon sulphide, sulphur dioxide, sulphuric acid,
- (2) Fuming sulphuric acid, hydrochloric acid, nitrate of potash and nitrates, sodium sulphate, chloric sulphonic acid, sodium sulphate, artificial fertilizer;
- (3) Vistra fabrics, cellulose, textile materials for fuzes;
- (4) Firing fuzes tapes, percussion caps;
- (5) Safety explosives, explosives and powder;
- (6) Soda ash.

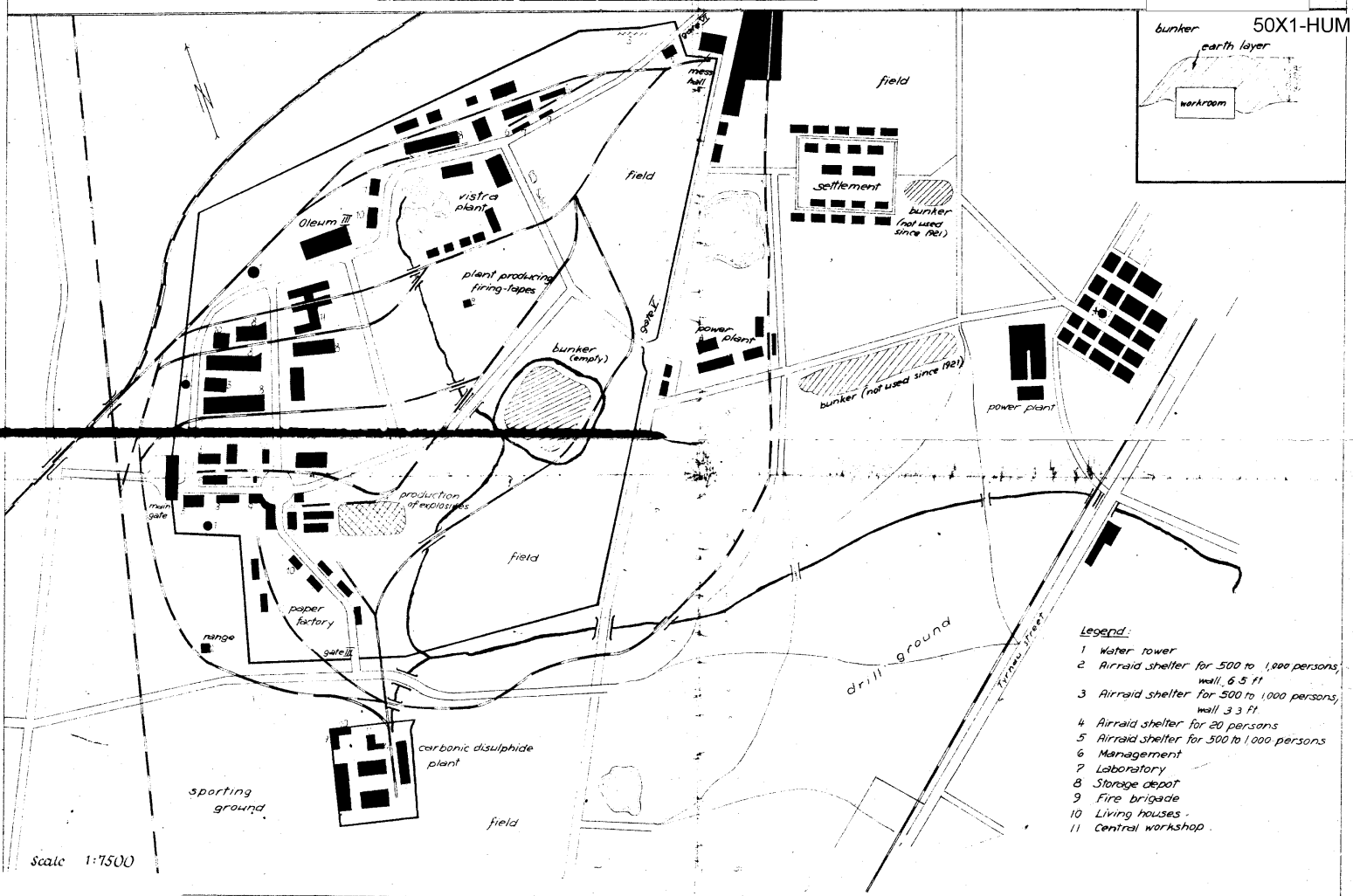
The production program changes according requirements.

- 2 Annexes:
1.) "Dynamit-Nobel" Explosive Production Plant
 2.) in BRATISLAVA.

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